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REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO
THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

SUMMARY

1. Developments in the Far East, Europe, and within the US have increased Soviet confidence in the strength of its power position vis-a-vis the West. In continental Western Europe growing public skepticism of the adequacy of Western defense policies and a revival of tendencies toward neutrality have advanced Soviet objectives.

2. Signing of the Sino-Soviet treaty denotes the maintenance of a working arrangement between the two greatest Communist powers. The USSR probably will continue, both cautiously and with determination, its planned infiltration in Chinese political, military, and economic affairs.

3. Communist control of Indochina, under present conditions, can be prevented only if the Vietnamese are convinced that real independence will be achieved through Bao Dai and not through Ho Chi Minh.

4. The constant possibility of hostilities between India and Pakistan contributes to instability in South Asia. In Iran the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party has been increasingly active. Peace negotiations between Israel and Jordan have encountered Jordanian resistance.

Note: This review has not been coordinated with the intelligence organizations of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and the Air Force. The information contained herein is as of 10 March 1950.

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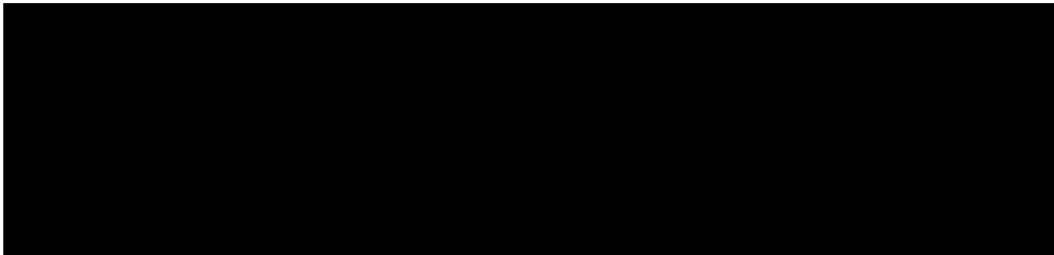
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5. The Greek election has not revealed a more stable political situation in the country.

6. In Yugoslavia, Tito's improved status, both economically and politically, should enable him to resist successfully increased Russian pressures short of direct military attack.

7. In Germany, growing sentiment for unification is sharpening the contest for eventual control between the USSR and the West.

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9. In Latin America, there is an increased possibility for an improvement in US-Argentine relations.

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